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■佐武の捕縛が悪を縛る。市の仕込みが悪を切る。罪はにくいがにくまぬ人を、捕らねばならない心が重い。十手捕縛持つ佐武の、目に一粒の涙が光る。
■多感な年頃の佐武が、佐平次親分の娘みどりとの淡い恋とともに、たくみな捕縛術でからめとる捕物青春記。

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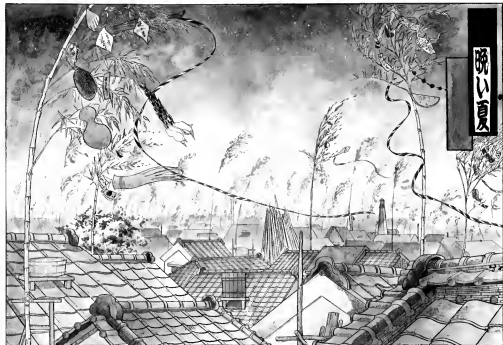
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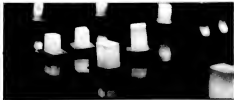
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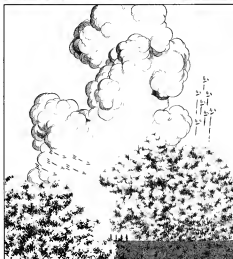


When the festival
of the lotus has
passed, and the sailors
are gone before their
monks, when fireworks
light up the surface of
the water, the flower
umbels open, and a
fleet of lanterns flow
down the Chutai river.
The people of Edo
know that summer is
driving to a close ...











At least the
banks of the
Chunai are cooler
than the middle
of town...



But all we
got was
thunder.



I thought
we would
be getting
solid rain...



It's
hot!



And most of them have
had a rock tied to their
feet or made to make
sure they don't float to
the surface, like this
one...



Even
—



Oh?

Why do you
think that,
Dempect?

Mr.
Tanabe, do
you suppose
this was a
suicide?

...So, would she
also be poisoned
or strangled?
There's no sign
of a sword
wound.

Uh... No want
to know why...? Well, I've seen
plenty of suicides
before...



Right
—

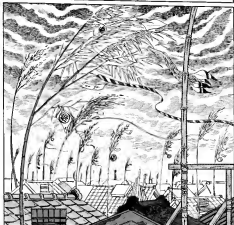
What
are your
thoughts,
daddy?

I
see.

and when their
love could not
be, she took
herself in...

Gracious, she's such
a young woman...
she must've been in
love with some actor
or someone...









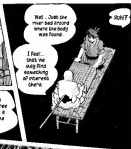




You've got nothing but pawns left!



You always spend your free time playing a terrible game of shogi...



Well... Just the river bed around where the body was found.

Right?

I feel... that's the way I find something of interest there.



Don't you ever feel like taking a walk and looking at the stars, at least once a year?



Right?

Oh, no!













Urgh!

Even when I fell asleep... the swordfish, octopuses and eels... I killed without my clothes...



Is your success worth all this bloodshed?

Should you would resort to such a thing?

Do you really want money so much...

Brother!



I-That's right!
I...I yearn for them both!

Money... Success... I

Where did... my brother who loved to read books, take baths, and raise Morning Glories... Where did my old brother go?



Ah...hehe... My raising Morning Glories, reading books, and taking baths, those were all simple for the sake of comforting myself!

I was sick of a life where I could not be satisfied without raising Morning Glories!



But now that this desire has come right within my grasp...

I had just about given up on any further success.



I... suppose it was partly an order... but when Lord Ukyo Tsugu proposed this idea to me...

I...

Brother!





I'll reckon
she's been
kidnapped.

And their
daughter was the
only one whose
corpse wasn't
in the boat?



She was an
unmarried virgin,
like all the other
girls who've gone
missing.

The girl
was fifteen
years old.

That's
what
I think,
too.

Why would they
abduct so many
virgins...?



It, for argument's
sake... the boatman is
right, and those five or
six women are the
perpetrators.

Yes... I
think...



I was
about to
start
feeling
nauseous
again!

Yeah.

Well, it'll
be right
back.



Alright,
let's stop
the boat...

and
dive on
down.

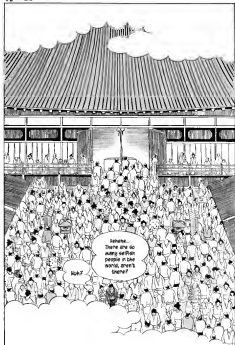


Now, let's see...
The body will
be found some-
where around
here...



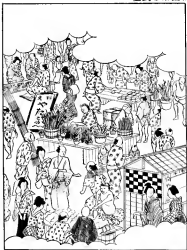


JULY 7TH
(FESTIVAL OF
THE WEAVING),
9TH, 10TH
(HAKODO DAYS),
12TH, 13TH
(FLOWER
MARKET)















O-Do you know
what will happen
if I take you to
Lord Unga Regent?



O-How could
you say that,
Tone...?

O-O-
Don't be
ridicu-
lous!

I am fully
aware!



O-Of
course!



O-But I do
not want you to
commit any more
dreadful crimes,
Brother!

I..I
will buy
you your
pardon!



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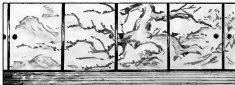
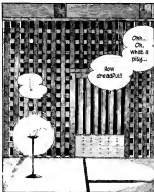


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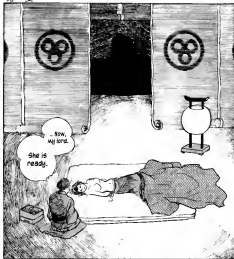
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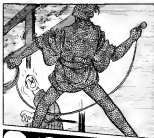








Tonight, I just have
to rescue Midori
and the other girls
from prison...



Urgh...



Abuu!

Midori!



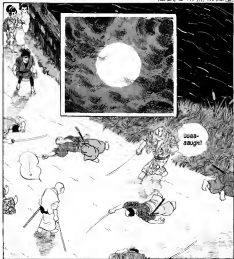


















Those
ones
are just
redemp-
tion.

And those
who do realize
it seem to
struggle
against it.

As they
leave one
memory...

They leave
neither
sorrow nor
honor.

People... whether
innocent or not...
all die the same.



IN THE OLD
CALENDAR OF
EDO, JULY IS
LATE SUMMER.
AND ONCE THE
CEREMONIAL
BONFIRES
HAD GONE
OUT, AUTUMN
HAD ALREADY
COME.

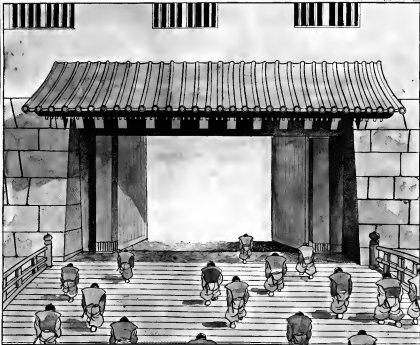




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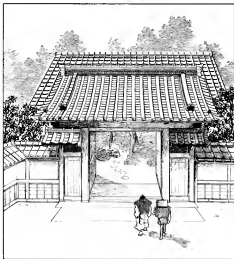
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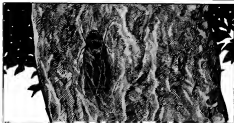


















That just
wouldn't
do right
with Aoi



But...
So, you
know...

They left
behind
no clues

I'm
starting
to believe
they are,
Lord



So,
Ich,

you think
this has to
be a woman
about

as to steal
children away
from their
mothers

A woman
"god" would
never do
anything so cruel...



We've come running
at the very sound
of a baby crying
from a house that
should have no
babies...

We've investigated
couples with no chil-
dren... gets who have
prayed and wished
for children.



I mean,
you don't
seriously
believe they
were spotted
doing, do
you...?

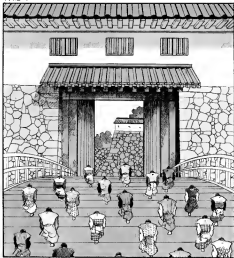
Well,
sure



That's
why we've
been going
around the hills

Of course
...not





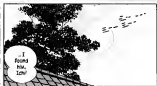
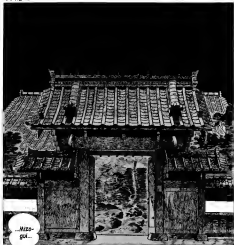




















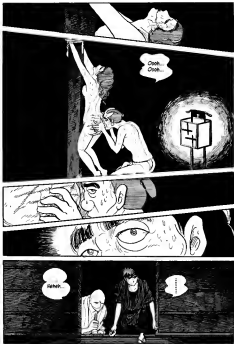




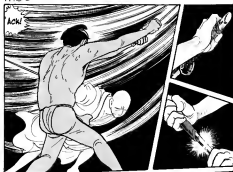












did you do
something
so cruel?



But why the
hell did you...
did you...

Too bastard...
Don't think an
excuse is going
to get you out
of this...

I start
cussing off
your ass
and legs?

Or else... since a
finger is hardly
worth the sake
of a baby...



... Why
don't you
tell us?

Aaaa...
Uuuuuh...



I-I... I
stole them...
For my wife who
wanted a baby!

Forgive
me...
Please
forgive me!

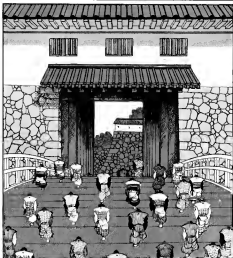
N-No!
Don't cut
them off!











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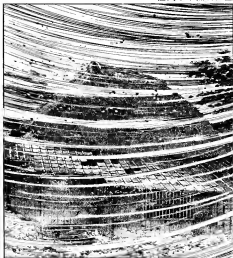












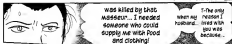






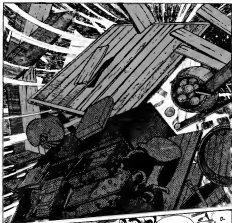








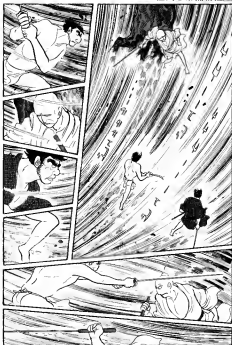






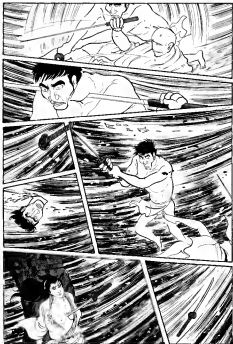


















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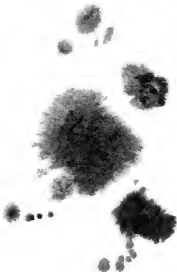


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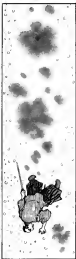






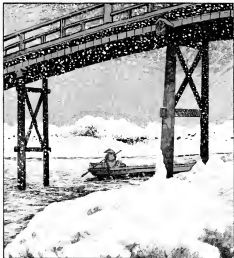










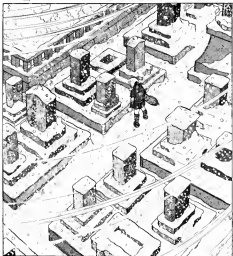




























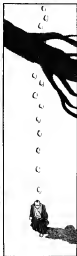






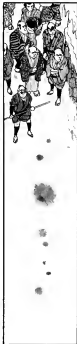
And when
you do... I
swear I will
become your
wife...!







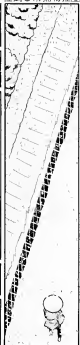




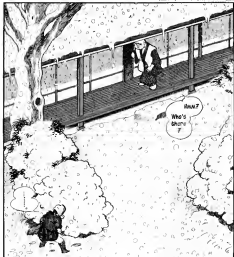












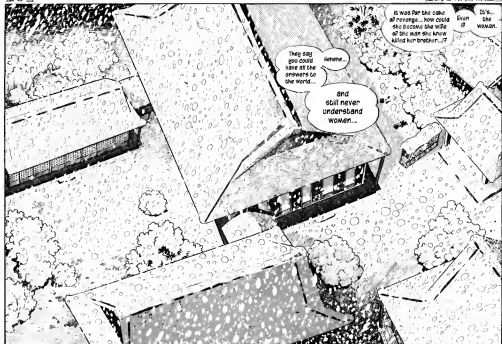






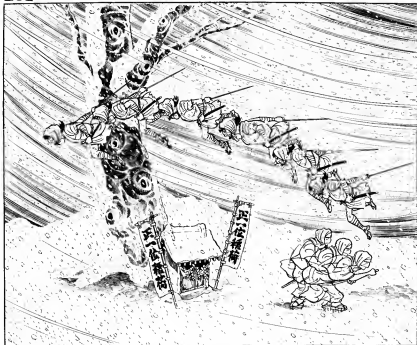


















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Chapter 10: Picture of Spring

















Umm...
Soga and Kawa-
kuchi...?



It fits in
the character
Kawakuchi the
egg-counter!

I had
just spoken
to his girl-
friend!

Oh?

...Oh,
so we
thought...

But now that
these two friends...
have been killed in
succession, we can't
just wrap it off.

who had
picked a
fight with
Soga...
and didn't
live to tell
the tale...

So, it's a
quarrel
among
good-for-
nothings.

Soga
that, or he
was some
unkind
lord of
the town...



...Like
parents,
brothers,
or wives...?

Then do
they have
any rela-
tives?

Is
that
all?



Well, I wouldn't
exactly call them
relatives. I did make
them run errands
at times... but I
didn't treat them
specially.























I had... always
wanted to
set up a doll
stand...!

Ever since I
was small, I... I have
loved the Festival of
Dolls so much...!

Reh... he...
Please
don't laugh
at me,
Gonzo...



Gonzo...



And now...
This is the very
PRIMO DOLL...
I have set
one up...!



Is anyone
home?









Yes.



The beaches around Gokubara, and Gode-no-ura on the Shirogawa, and Iwaka are all bustling with beach festivals.

And... It's the spring tide.



Fee-fee...



My...

My family owned a villa there...

Would you like to go to Gokubara on the seventh or eighth night as?

I know, Aoud Houdo!



If you stay in this dark old house in the middle of spring... You'll waste all your fine beauty.

Come on, what's wrong?



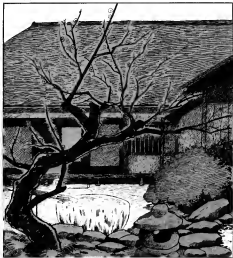
Once you glance over at the wide spring sea... you'll forget about all your worries...

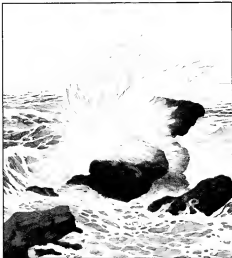
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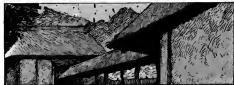
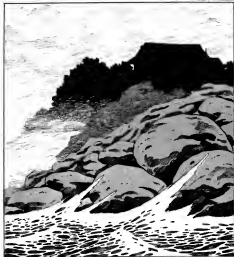
... But...

I thank you.













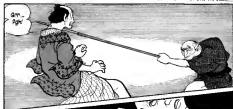




























...The others came to question him about Yoda or something...



and tried to get in on the deal... and were killed.



So, I fear that all the men murdered after Yoda... tried to see Yoda's murder as DISCARD!



That guy... That man... went toward GOSHO... Who could he really be?



















Phew

I... I was born
a swordsman...
but was
deformed...

My... My life
has been one
long frigid
winter

A...
Mama!

I was...

when I
came
to...

And
before I
knew it,

One... day, I
kissed a sailing
woman... and
ran away
from home...

This
hated
because...
my way
of life.

I hated
women...
I-I hated
society...

At the very
bottom rung of society...
I-and I learned... how
to live like a coward.



told
Yoda...
about
you!

I-I felt... that spring...
had come... T-That's
why... That's why... I
couldn't stand what
Mason... what Mason
was doing... s... so I...

Mama!...
When I
met you...

Pat.







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